



**DISPOSAL OPTIONS FOR
SMALL QUANTITIES OF DEAD ANIMALS**
Technical Guidance Document SW 94-01

Dead animals comprise a small, but identifiable, portion of the solid waste generated in Kansas. As such, the disposal of dead animals needs to be addressed by entities responsible for solid waste management. The two general classifications of dead animals include large animals and small animals. Large animals include cattle, horses, and other farm animals. Small animals typically include household pets.

The options for disposal of small quantities (one to five) of large and small animals are listed below in order of preference from most preferable to least preferable. Disposal options for large quantities (six or greater) of dead animals are described in Technical Guidance Document SW 01-01.

Small Animals

1. Permitted municipal solid waste landfill
2. Local veterinarian
3. Pet cemetery or crematory
4. Burial on-site
5. Transfer station with proper packaging.
(Proper packaging would include five-gallon plastic pails with lids or double bagged in plastic trash sacks.)

Large Animals

1. Commercial rendering facility
2. Direct haul to permitted municipal solid waste landfill
3. Local large animal veterinarian
4. Burial on-site (e.g. farm)

The following guidelines should be followed when burying animals on-site:

- A. Bury animals within 48 hours unless otherwise authorized.
- B. Add quick or slaked lime, if necessary, to control odors and thus discourage scavenging.
- C. Cover animals with a minimum of three feet of soil.

For additional information regarding proper management of solid waste, you may contact the Bureau of Waste Management at (785) 296-1600 or the address at the top of this document, or visit the Bureau's website at www.kdhe.state.ks.us/waste.